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Field of Specialization:

Regional Economic Development and Policy Evaluation

Education:

Ph.D. (2006) Agricultural Economics - [Michigan State University](#), East Lansing MI.

Major: International Agricultural Development

Dissertation topic: Three Essays on Regional Economic Development and Local Determinants of Poverty

MS (2004) Agricultural Economics - [Michigan State University](#), East Lansing MI.

Thesis Topic: [A Quantitative Assessment of Factors Contributing to the Economic Growth of Michigan Regions](#)

Degree in Business Management (summa cum laude) (1997) - [Ukrainian State Maritime Technical University](#), Nikolaev, Ukraine.

Employment:

July 2006 – Present. *Assistant Professor*, [Kyiv School of Economics](#), Kyiv, Ukraine. – *Advanced Microeconomics: Information Economics; Econometrics and Statistics; Policy and Program Evaluation.*

July 2006 – Present. *Senior Economist*, [Kyiv Economics Institute](#), Kyiv, Ukraine. – Regional economic development and policy analysis.

January 2009 – Present. *Clinical Assistant Professor*, Department of Economics, University of Houston, US.

May 2006 – December 2007. *Research Associate*, Global Urban Studies Program, Michigan State University. - Urban development and development policies.

September 2001 – May 2006. *Research Assistant* of Professor [Scott Loveridge](#), Department of [Agricultural Economics](#), Michigan State University. - Regional economics and development policy analysis.

October – December 2005. *Visiting Instructor*, [EERC](#), Kyiv, Ukraine. – *Advanced Microeconomics: Information Economics.*

September 2003 – June 2004. *Research Assistant* of Professor [Allan Schmid](#), Department of [Agricultural Economics](#), Michigan State University. - Comparative Analysis of Poverty and Inequality: Improving Social Policies in Countryside with focus on Poland, Russia, and USA. USAID Grant N220/001.2-A,B,C. – Empirical analysis of poverty distribution.

1999 – 2000. *Head of Laboratory, Dept. of Management*, European University of Finance, Information Systems, Management and Business (EUFIMB), Kiev, Ukraine. – Organization of seminars and conferences; Design and lead business games; Coordination of students' research work.

1999-2000. *Instructor*, EUFIMB, Kyiv, Ukraine. - *Management in Small Business; Risk and Crisis Situations in Management; Fundamentals of Crisis Management; Business Games.*

1999. *Instructor*, International Science and Technology University, Kyiv, Ukraine. – *Marketing.*

1997-1999. **Business trainer and researcher (Extension Specialist)**, International Center for Enterprise and Management Development, Kyiv, Ukraine. - *UNDP UKR/96/007 project "Support for the Development of Small and Medium Size Enterprises in Ukraine"; ILO seminar "Restructuring of Ukrainian Enterprises" and other projects – lead seminars and business games, developed handouts and reports, data collection and analysis.*

1996-1997. **Manager and researcher (Extension Specialist)**, Consulting Group "Plus", Nikolaev, Ukraine. - *Analytical support for development projects of Nikolaev City Hall, Ukraine. – Cost-benefit analysis.*

Work in Progress

- *Policy evaluation of social and economic development policies in Ukraine*
- *Hedonic analysis of air pollution in Ukraine*
- *Restructuring of Regional Economies in Ukraine*
- *FGLS estimation of spatially organized panel data*

Publications:

Poverty in Michigan Small Communities: Demand versus Supply of Labor (2008). *International Regional Science Review*, 31(3), pp.275-303. With A. Allan Schmid.

Economically Distressed Areas in Ukraine: Methods and Examples of Delimitation. (2007) *Regional Studies: Geography, Economics, Ecology, Tourism*, pp.159-169. With Valentina Smal and Olena Nizalova. (published in Ukrainian)

Does Firm Size Distribution Matter? An Empirical Test of the Entrepreneurial Pipeline Hypothesis. (2007) *Economic Development Quarterly*, 21(3), pp.244-62. With Scott Loveridge.

[Increasing the Equity and Efficiency of Tax Abatement Programs.](#) (2007) *The Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*, 37(1), pp. 10-14. With Scott Loveridge.

Regional Policies and Economic Growth: One Size Does Not Fit All. (2005) *The Review of Regional Studies*, 35(3), pp. 266-290. With Scott Loveridge.

Crisis Management: a Choice of Methods. (2001) *Scientific Works: Economics*, Vol. 9, pp.57-59. (published in Ukrainian)

Restructuring: Its Role and Place in the System of Economic Reforms. (2000) *Financial Consultation*, 43, pp. 41-44. (Published in Russian)

Information Culture and Education Process: Balance of Interests. (2000) *Bulletin of Kherson State Technical University*. Vol 1(7), pp. 324-327. With L. Fedulova. (published in Ukrainian)

Managing the Restructuring of Industrial Enterprises in Ukraine. (1999) *Development of Economic Reform in Ukraine*. (Publication of works of Pan-Ukrainian Competition "Economic Reforms in Ukraine: the Position of Youth".) Kiev: Kozaky Press, pp. 109-121. (published in Ukrainian)

Major Thrusts of the Restructuring Process in Ukraine. (1997) *State Information Bulletin for Privatization*, Iss. 8, pp. 66-67. (published in Ukrainian)

Conference and Invited Presentations:

"How Different Are the Sources of Regional Unemployment?" presented at ZEW (Mannheim 2009)

"Does a Community's Strategic Planning Matter? Empirical Evidence from a Country in Transition" presented at BICEPS/SSE (Riga 2008); annual conference of Regional Science Association International (New-York 2008); Houston University (Houston 2008)

"Municipal Culture and Economic Development in Ukraine" Presentation of grant proposal at EERC grant competition (Moscow 2006)

- “Economic Development and Regional Restructuring in Ukraine”* Presented at the annual conference of Regional Science Association International (Toronto 2006)
- “Does Firm Size Distribution Matter? An Empirical Test of the Entrepreneurial Pipeline Hypothesis”*. Presented at the 52nd annual North American meeting of the Regional Science Association International (Las-Vegas 2005); the board meeting of the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center (Lansing 2006); Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo 2006); the Edward Lowe Foundation (Michigan 2006); and the Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education of Charles University and the Economics Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (Prague 2006).
- “Regional Policies and Economic Growth: One Size Does Not Fit All.”* Presented at the annual conference of American Agricultural Economics Association (Providence 2005).
- “Regional Poverty: Sources of Difference.”* Presented at the annual conference of Regional Science Association International (Seattle 2004); Southern Illinois University (2005); St. Thomas More College (Canada 2006); Upjohn Institute for Employment Research (Michigan 2006)
- “A Quantitative Assessment of Michigan Economic Development Policies”*. Presented at the annual conference of Regional Science Association International (Philadelphia 2003).

Extension, Outreach and Service Activity:

- “Cities: An Analysis of the Post Communist Experience”, GDN Inter-regional grant competition (2009) - Discussant
- Local Investment and National Competitiveness (LINC) in Ukraine (in collaboration with Chemonics International) (2009-2011), USAID (\$22M) - Expert
- EERC grant competition workshop (June 2008, December 2008) - Discussant
- Impact Evaluation of Social Assistance System Modernization Project (2007-2010), Ministry of Labor and Social Policies of Ukraine, and the World Bank (\$307,000) – Co-PI
- Conference “Municipal Economic Development Tool Kit” (March, 2008), Kyiv, Ukraine – Academic Director
- “Municipal Economic Development Tool Kit” (2007-2008) – Book editor.
- “*Industrial Restructuring in Eastern Ukraine: Obstacles and Promises*”, OECD LEED seminar “Managing Industrial Restructuring in the Kharkiv Region of Ukraine”, Kharkiv, Ukraine (2005).
- “*Regional Economic Development and Industrial Restructuring in Ukraine: Kharkiv Region.*” OECD, Local Economic and Employment Development Program (LEED) (2006).
- “*Regional Economy and Tourism Development in the Republic of Crimea, Ukraine.*” OECD, LEED (2006).
- “*World Markets for Tart Cherries: Ukraine,*” Michigan State University (2005).
- “*Agriculture and Food Markets in Ukraine*” presentation to Michigan Value Added Farming Association, Holt, Michigan (2004).
- “*Successful Management*” workshops for managers of industrial enterprises, Ukraine (1997-1999).

Working Papers and Publications in Non-Academic Journals:

“The Sources Of Regional Unemployment: A Decomposition Approach,” (2010). With V. Smal and O. Nizalova

Reports on Evaluation of reforms in Social Assistance System of Ukraine, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of Ukraine (2008-2009)

“Does a Community's Strategic Planning Matter? Empirical Evidence from a Country in Transition,” KSE (2009).

“Spatial Adjacency Matrices for Ukrainian Regions”, KSE (2007). With V. Smal and V. Vakhitov.

“Unemployment as an Area Distress Indicator” (2007) *Territory. Sustainable Development* (under review). With Valentina Smal and Olena Nizalova. (in Ukrainian)

“Regional Economic Development and Industrial Restructuring in Ukraine: Crimea Republic” (2006). OECD, LEED. With O. Gnezdilova, O. Nizalova and V. Vakhitov.

“Regional Economic Development and Industrial Restructuring in Ukraine: Kharikiv Region” (2006). OECD, LEED. With O. Nizalova and V. Vakhitov.

“Tart Cherry Market in Ukraine” (2006). Michigan State University, Department of Agricultural Economics. With Olena Nizalova and Suzanne Thornsby

“Regional Poverty in Michigan: Rural and Urban Difference” (2004). Michigan State University, Department of Agricultural Economics. Staff Paper#:04-09. With A.Allan Schmid

Professional Training:

Empirical Strategies for policy evaluation, NIPE’s VI Summer School, Universidade do Minho, Braga, Portugal, 2009

A Guidance for Use of Social and Economic Data at the Census Research Data Centers, University of Michigan – Cornell University, 2005

Honors and Awards:

- [Honorable Mention at the Regional Science Association International Annual Dissertation Competition](#) (2007)
- Klomparens Fellowship (2004, 2003)
- MSU [Graduate Office Fellowship](#) (2004, 2003)
- MSU Department of Agricultural Economics Graduate Fellowship (2005, 2004, 2003)
- Winner of Pan-Ukrainian Competition "Economic Reforms in Ukraine: the Position of Youth" (1999, Kiev, Ukraine) - research project "Managing the Restructuring of Industrial Enterprises in Ukraine".
- Winner of III Viacheslav Lipinsky National Competition for best scientific works in the field of social and human sciences (1999, Kiev, Ukraine)

Research Grants

- “CNH: Towards an Integrated Framework for Climate Change Impact Assessments for International Market Systems with Long-Term Investments” (2009-2012), NSF, \$1,499,763, team member– regional economics; regional coordinator for Ukraine
- “Ukrainian Regional Studies Group” (2006-2007), EROC development grant, \$20,000, Co-Director
- “A Multidisciplinary Protocol for Assessing Climate Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation” (2006-2007), NSF, \$125,000, team member– regional economics; regional coordinator
- “Comparative Analysis of Poverty and Inequality: Improving Social Policies in Countryside with focus on Poland, Russia, and USA.” (2003-2004) USAID Grant N220/001.2-A,B,C. – Research assistant - Empirical analysis of poverty distribution.

Membership:

Regional Science Association International;	Global Development Network
American Economic Association;	Association for Public Policy Analysis and
American Agricultural Economics Association;	Management

Advisee

Olena Chekmezova, MA (2006-2007), Kyiv School of Economics

Computer Skills:

Stata, ESRI ArcGIS, MathLab, SAS, SPSS, Microsoft Office, web-design

Languages:

Ukrainian- native, Russian - native, English – fluent, French – basics